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Dear Rep. Christine Palm

I understand that HB 5285 An Act Concerning Public School Curriculum is coming up on March 3rd. I want to express my strong support for this bill.

Every day the news is full of the detrimental effects of human caused climate change and the prognosis is disastrous for the world our children will inherit. There is no point in building an economically strong future if the killing climate will have its way. Just today, having returned from a ski vacation in VT where people are despairing about their businesses because of the warmer and rainier winters, I heard similar radio reports from as disparate places as NH and VA.

More importantly, people are suffering multiple health problems that can be traced to pollution of all kinds linked to the production and distribution of fossil fuels and their byproducts, like plastic. I am listening to Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical On Care For Our Common Home. This wise and holy man is urging us in the strongest possible way to understand what is going on including the responsibility each of us carries to solve the problems.

Our children need to know about the human causes of

climate change. They need to know the trajectory the world is on and why. The CT state legislature has an opportunity to do something with broad implications for a better future. I hope they will do it.

Sincerely,

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